



## HAF Newsletter Week Commencing 4 July 2022

As the summer HAF Programme is rapidly coming closer we are receiving a lot of information that we would like to share with you to help you make your programme even more amazing! Please take time to look at the whole newsletter as there are items that will benefit you all the way down!

### HAF Programme Timeline

Please ensure that you have these dates in your diary:

#### Week Commencing 25 July to 2 September

The team will start to visit HAF Programmes to see what wonderful opportunities you are providing to the children and families. New partners will be prioritised, but we hope to visit as many partners and sites as possible. These will be followed up with notes of visit, but please be patient as undertaking the visits remains a priority.

#### 5 August

Interim monitoring forms must be returned by this date, more information will follow. Any received after this date will not be processed as quickly and you will not receive your second payment until someone is available to process them as the team will be out on visits.

#### 16 September

The final date for monitoring forms to be submitted – further information will follow. If you can submit your forms earlier, please do so. The team aims to process the monitoring forms in the order in which they are sent in.

#### Monday 3 October

The planned date for our network meeting in Aylesham, to be confirmed.

#### Tuesday 11 October

The planned date for our network meeting in Maidstone, to be confirmed.

#### 4 November

The final date for applications to run a programme at Christmas, update forms will be sent out prior to this.

### Summer Visits

The HAF team is starting to make plans to visit your programme and will be in touch in the next couple of weeks to confirm dates and times. Please ensure that you inform us of any last-minute changes or if you have trips booked that will affect the days that you are available for visits.

## Emporium Membership

This is an exciting opportunity to enhance the play opportunities that you can offer. Information has been sent out by email, so please make the most of the opportunity to use your free membership for 2022.

All 2022 HAF Programmes will be entitled to a 1-year funded Emporium subscription and have access to the entire range of Emporium's resources\*. The funded subscription you will be entitled to as a HAF Programme partner is the Gold level.

\*Depending on stock availability.

For more information about the HAF Programme with Emporium and to sign up for your funded subscription please email [emporium@theeducationpeople.org](mailto:emporium@theeducationpeople.org)

## Cost of Living

The Government has now announced 'cost of living support' and any families struggling can contact their relevant local authority. Parents and families can see what support is available, including information on the HAF Programme, on the link that can be found [here](#)

## No10 Event Celebrating HAF Programme Partnerships

On Tuesday the Secretary of State for Education alongside a cross-Government ministerial team hosted a meeting at No10 to celebrate the successes to date and focus on how we can build on the already established local partnerships for the HAF Programme. Following this meeting a [Press Release](#) has been published which provides further information.

## Ofsted Registration

Holiday clubs may need to legally register with Ofsted depending on the provision they offer, they may also be eligible to register with Ofsted on the Voluntary register or they may be [exempt from registration](#) entirely. Both clubs and providers that would require registration with Ofsted, and those that are exempt, can participate in the holiday activities and food programme.

To support the raising of quality and to better meet the safeguarding needs of children and young people, certain providers can choose to register even if they do not have to via [the Gov.uk website](#).

One of the direct benefits to children and families of providers being Ofsted registered is that families may be eligible for Tax-Free Childcare or the childcare costs element of Universal Credit. Through this families may be able to [claim back up to 85% of their childcare costs](#) if they are attending and paying for extra childcare at Ofsted registered settings.

It is the legal responsibility of individual providers to understand whether or not they should be Ofsted registered and to continue to review their status as and when the provision they are offering changes.

## **Financial Support for Childcare – Message for providers**

With the school summer holidays approaching, it is more important than ever that parents and carers can access the financial support they qualify for. It can reduce their costs, help them to stay in work, or help them work more hours if they wish to.

To help childcare providers to offer this support, the Department for Education (DfE) has produced a new toolkit which will help you to raise awareness of existing Government schemes of financial support for childcare. This could in turn help you boost your business.

Over a million families in the UK are entitled to some form of Government childcare support, but many are missing out because childcare providers in their area haven't signed up to accept the various offers.

That means that many childcare providers are missing out on boosting their businesses by increasing demand as they aren't accessible to families who use Government childcare support.

The toolkit contains a step-by-step guide to ensure that you have all the elements in place for your services to be accessible to families who use Government childcare support.

It also includes resources to raise awareness of the different offers available amongst families in your networks, whilst advertising that you are one of the providers equipped to accept the different types.

**To receive a copy of the toolkit, please email**  
[Emma.Whittingham@education.gov.uk](mailto:Emma.Whittingham@education.gov.uk)

## **Summer Reading Challenge**

As you continue to plan your summer 2022 programmes, dive deep into reading this summer. We would like to introduce you to the Summer Reading Challenge – the aim is to inspire children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure.

The challenge will launch in libraries on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, and we would encourage you to think about arranging trips to your local library to get children signed up and show them what is on offer. You can find more information on the Summer Reading Challenge and access to local libraries [here](#).

Where you incorporate the Summer Reading Challenge into your HAF provision, don't forget to include the hashtag #HAF 2022 in addition to any other relevant hashtags in any posts to social media #SummerReadingChallenge and #Gadgeteers @readingagency #Libraries.

## Provider Essentials Bitesize

Don't forget these sessions are available to use as part of your HAF2022 delivery and new provider induction processes. The links below can be incorporated into templates, shared in updates or made available through your portals/websites.

- Caring for and meeting children's ages and stages of development. [Recording Link](#)
- Safeguarding and child protection. [Recording Link](#)
- Playwork principles into practice. [Recording Link](#)
- Building in active sports and games: [Recording Link](#)
- Extending children's food experiences. [Recording Link](#)
- Natasha's Law/other Allergens [Recording Link](#)
- Partnerships with parents to meet children's needs - Including a focus on SEND [Recording Link](#)

## Social Media

Please, where you have written permission from families, share examples of the great things that you are doing!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HAFinKent/>

[#HAF2022](#)

We wish you all a very good summer with your HAF Programmes and look forward to hearing all about them! Please do not hesitate to contact the team if you need any help. If your query is to do with Wonde please contact the Wonde team directly.